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New cash-in-lieu policy approved

CITY COUNCIL

Changes allow flexibility in spending on urban parks

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Whether replacing rusty swing sets or investing in new green space, Ottawa councillors now have more flexibility when it comes to spending their cash-in-lieu of parkland funds.

On Wednesday, city council voted in sweeping new amendments to the cash-in-lieu policy. The changes include the option of spending park funds on repair, renewal and life-cycle projects.

Since the previous council approved the policy in 2011, developers have had the option to build a park or pay the city instead.

The cash from these developments — often in urban wards where there's little available parkland — is divvied up 60-40 between the ward and the city. However, up until Wednesday, councillors could not spend the cash-in-lieu funds on repairing downtrodden parks.

Several councillors argued park upkeep is the city's responsibility and should be funded through the overall budget.

Kitchissippi Coun. Jeff Leiper was among them. In a motion, he called for council to scrap repair, renewal and life-cycle projects from the cash-in-lieu policy, but it failed 18-5.

Other councillors argued the funds could still be used for new parks, rather than maintenance.

The amended policy also sets limits on how much councillors can use the cash-in-lieu fund for plaques.

The cash-in-lieu policy made headlines earlier this year when River Coun. Riley Brockington tried accessing his ward's parks fund only to find it was in the red. His predecessor, Maria McRae, had depleted a portion of the fund on plaques adorned with her name.

Despite living in Ottawa for 11 years, 57-year-old Ahmed Alhaj, right, might be separated from his family. JOE LOFARO/METRO

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Airport taxi talks stalled

LABOUR

Cab vandalized on Tuesday allegedly had a fare inside

Joe Lofaro and Lucy Scholey
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As the four-week-long airport taxi labour dispute appears to be at a standstill, the head of Ottawa's largest cab company maintains there are efforts being made behind the scenes to come to a resolution.

"There is a dialogue going on. There are informal communications. We are hoping they can lead to a process where we will have a resolution," said Hanif Patni, president of Coventry Connections, on Wednesday.

"These things can take a little time."

The labour dispute started Aug. 11 over an increase in airport pickup fees from $1.50 to about $5 per fare.

The long-running dispute has even pitted the city's taxi drivers against their own and turned violent.

Protesting drivers have engaged in shouting matches and egg throwing directed toward Blueline and other taxi companies whose drivers are picking up their fares at the airport during the lockout.

Airport Taxi YOW drivers returned to the Airport Parkway Wednesday, a day after a small group of them smashed the windshield of an oncoming Blueline cab with sticks and flagpoles.

Patni confirmed that cab had one passenger sitting in the back seat at the time. He also said three other cabs were vandalized Wednesday during the protest, but no injuries were reported.

Ottawa police said they opened a criminal investigation into the matter, but said no arrested have been made. The investigation is ongoing.

Locked out taxi drivers sit along the Airport Parkway Wednesday while negotiations remain at a standstill. JOE LOFARO/METRO

> **"I've told the union that until they stop these kind of tactics, I'm not going to meet with them, plain and simple.**
> Mayor Jim Watson

Wednesday's demonstrations were more civilized and involved only a fraction of the number of drivers who came out a day earlier. The protesting drivers did not block the Airport Parkway like they did on Tuesday.

"What happened yesterday with respect to the violence is not acceptable to anybody. It cannot be very productive and we're kind of glad that has stopped now," said Patni.

Mark Laroche, president and CEO of the Airport Authority said in a statement posted to the airport's website Wednesday he does not condone violence.

"The Airport Authority is responsible for operating the airport in a safe and secure manner, which includes ensuring safe access to our facilities for our passengers, employees and the taxi drivers who are providing an important service for us. We call on our partners at the Ottawa Police Service to maintain the peace and to uphold the injunction," said Laroche.

Mayor Jim Watson also condemned taxi drivers smashing the rear window of the Blueline cab after footage of the attack was posted to YouTube.

"I've told the union that until they stop these kind of tactics, I'm not going to meet with them, plain and simple," he said. "I'm fed up. The public are fed up and I'm not going to reward bad behavior by having them come into my office, so until they stop that kind of reckless and dangerous behavior, they're not meeting with me."

Watson further urged the union and Coventry Connections to return to the negotiating table and, if drivers want to protest, to do so peacefully.

"It's up to their leadership to send the very clear message that attacking other cabs and putting people in danger is not acceptable behaviour in our city."

With ride-share app Uber on the market, the city is also undergoing a review of its taxi bylaws. However, the draft is not due until the end of the year.

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Ottawan urges mercy for immigrants already here

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The Political Fallout

Hundreds slated for deportation as mayor aims to harbour more

Joe Lofaro and Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

A grandfather is living in constant fear in his Ottawa home, aware that any day government officials could knock on his door to enforce a deportation order to Syria that has been looming for the past seven years.

Ahmed Alhaj, 57, has lived in Ottawa since 2004, but the federal government accused of him and his son Abdullah of "misrepresentation" in 2008 and alleged they came to Canada with fake passports.

They each obtained Dominican Republic passports by purchasing real estate in that country. They could not obtain a Syrian passport because they refused to serve in the Syrian army, which they say would essentially deem them enemies of the state.

"Any deportation to Syria will be a death sentence," said Alhaj through his son, who translated during an interview Wednesday.

> **I'm living without hope. I hope the government looks at me with a humanitarian eye.**
> Ahmed Alhaj

Ahmed claims he did nothing wrong and was honest with his paperwork.

After a hearing with the Immigration and Refugee Board, the government let Abdullah off the hook but maintained his father must leave Canada.

As calls grow louder for Canada to accept more Syrian refugees, Ahmed is urging the federal government to protect Syrian-Canadians who are already here.

In response to a 2013 request from a Liberal MP, the government calculated there were 791 people in Canada facing departure orders to Syria. A departure order automatically becomes a deportation order after 30 days.

The civil unrest in Syria prompted the federal government to enact an "administrative deferral of removals," putting all deportation orders on hold.

Still, it means Ahmed and hundreds of others aren't out of the woods.

"They should look at the ones that have been here 10 years or more and are established. Any deportation to Syria will lead to death either from the Syrian government or from the extremists," said Ahmed.

Meanwhile, Mayor Jim Watson said he was meeting with religious leaders and NGOs on Wednesday to "start the dialogue" on how they can assist more refugees.

"There's a high level of frustration on the part of individuals, churches and community groups that want to sponsor a Syrian refugee," said Watson. "I'm trying to better understand — are there ways that we can help streamline the system? Where's the bottleneck?"

Watson said he will also be speaking with mayors across the country on the issue.

Ahmed Alhaj, right, plays around with his granddaughter, Maweyah, 3, as his son, Abdullah, watches outside their Ottawa home Wednesday. Ahmed fears being shipped back to war-torn Syria and being separated from his family. JOE LOFARO/METRO

DEVELOPMENT

Green light over green space

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

The developer of a proposed 27-storey hotel and mixed-use tower at the old Medical Arts Building must fork over $200,000 for green space before he breaks ground.

That's the condition councillors agreed on before unanimously approving the 180 Metcalfe St. plan on Wednesday.

Even Somerset Coun. Catherine McKenney, who previously argued against the 21-storey addition to the heritage building, supported the plan. She previously said this design contravenes the new community design plan.

Barrhaven Coun. Jan Harder, who chairs the planning committee, had vigorously argued in favour of this downtown hotel and commercial expansion. Considering she tabled the motion and McKenney seconded the plan, it seems as if the two found common ground on this surface parking lot project.

On Aug. 26, councillors were evenly split 11-11 on 180 Metcalfe St.

AT COUNCIL

- A public-washroom locator app got the go-ahead.
- Councillors approved a pilot project that will allow 25 businesses to convert parking spaces into patios or small parks.
- The Champlain Oil Company gas station earned heritage designation.
- Councillors voted to name an Osgoode path after Doug Thompson, a former councillor and mayor.

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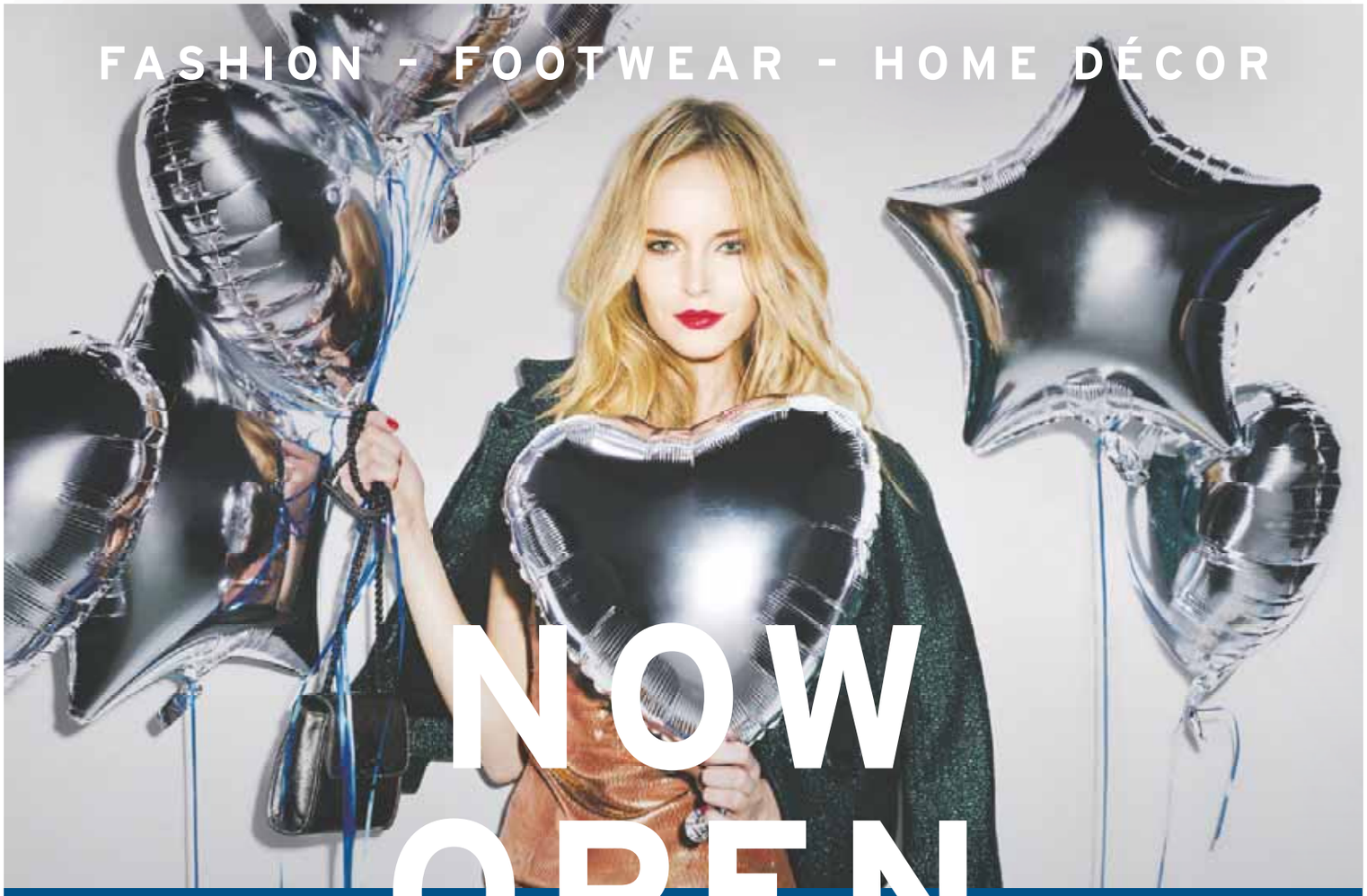

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BACKSTAGE PASS

Harpoonist and the Axe Murderer at Rainbow Bistro Friday

Trevor Greenway
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There are few bands that can bring me to tears during a live performance: Radiohead, Godspeed You! Black Emperor and TOOL.

I had no idea a grungy little two-piece, blasting on just a harmonica and guitar at a small bush festival in Saskatchewan could invoke the same feelings that Thom Yorke did at the Hollywood Bowl.

But when I saw Harpoonist and the Axe Murderer last summer at Ness Creek Music Festival, that's exactly what happened.

The moment Shawn "The Harpoonist" Hall and Matthew "The Axe Murderer" Rogers took helm, we weren't sure whether to stick around the stage or go seek out some hippies somewhere in the forest. I'm glad we stayed.

From the first note, the Vancouver dark blues duo had the 2,000-plus audience in a nautical trance, our eardrums hanging off every pick, every toot, every harmonic vibration coming off the massive, but empty stage.

Two fabulous souls, commanding a crowd with their craft, their minimal tools dusting up the true grit of music — the dirty side of roots, blues and rock — all of it layered with thick chunks of funk that are oh-so-sweet to sink into. It didn't take long for the beer guzzlers to get chugging and come running towards the sonic party.

It was an all-out assault of rasping, raucous blues music that had brought out the best of any crowd I've ever seen. A thick cloud of smoke hung over, as thousands of free spirits let their souls out.

The band was creating memories and moments on stage as if they were magicians, and the crowd ate it up. It was fantastic; it was weird; it was beguiling; it was prodigious.

I have a feeling it will be a similar experience this Friday night at the Rainbow Bistro when Harpoonist and the Axe Murderer take control of the downtown blues joint.

Unapologetic fun that will make you want to take a shower when you get home.

And small, dank clubs are the band's bread and butter. I may have experienced a moment at a rural music festival, but their Bistro show will likely be a dirty mess of a party. My kind of bash.

The band is touring last year's record A Real Fine Mess and with it their gritty, sonic punch that they're known for. The Rainbow Bistro will feel much more like Doctor Parnassus' travelling caravan than a blues joint.

Expect to dance, but not in fitful jerks spawned by annoying EDM tracks, but instead by good, soulful music. Expect to sing along, even if you don't know the words (vocalist Hall will teach you). And expect to drink. This band has a way of making you feel alive on the inside. They will awaken your soul, and you'll be thirsty.

Vancouver musicians expected to bring soulful show to Ottawa blues joint. CONTRIBUTED

GETTING THERE

What: Harpoonist and the Axe Murderer
When: Friday, 8 p.m.
Where: Rainbow Bistro, 76 Murray St, Ottawa
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Jim Watson, right, has sent questions to all federal party leaders and candidates. MICHAEL WOODS/METRO FILE PHOTO

LOCAL ISSUES

Mayor sends out survey to politicians

Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson sent election questionnaires to the federal party leaders on Tuesday, asking about their stances on issues of interest to the city.

The survey includes 11 yes-or-no questions — with room for additional comments — on matters such as light rail funding, housing and homelessness, child care, infrastructure and the planned 2017 celebrations in the capital.

The survey is part of Watson's efforts to spotlight local issues during the federal election campaign.

It's an approach he used during last year's provincial election with mixed results; then-PC leader Tim Hudak sent a letter that didn't directly answer the questions.

The questionnaire also asks whether the parties would allot seats on the National Capital Commission's board of directors for representatives from the Ottawa and Gatineau city councils.

It also asks about finding a new location for the planned controversial memorial to the victims of communism.

The mayor's office set a deadline of Sept. 30, and will post the unedited responses online.

He will also be sending the questionnaire to all nominated candidates in Ottawa-area ridings.

Gatineau mayor Maxime Pedneaud-Jobin has sent a similar quiz to candidates on the other side of the river.

To see Watson's full questionnaire, go to www.metronews.ca/ottawa.html

MICHAEL WOODS/METRO

IN BRIEF

Police catch dozens of drivers breaking rules

Ottawa police say they've issued dozens of provincial offence notices to drivers caught breaking the rules in school zones.

Officers were looking for people speeding in school zones, failing to stop or yield to pedestrians at school crossings, failing to obey crossing guards and school bus signs, and distracted drivers.

A total of 142 provincial offence notices were issued during a two-day crackdown this week.

The Sept. 8-9 blitz came as many students returned to classes after the summer break.

Ottawa police are reminding drivers to be especially alert when driving in school zones.

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Wanted: Lots of towels

SENATE

Red Chamber is looking to fill three-year contract

Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

The scandal over some senators' expense claims has left some people wanting to wash their hands of the Senate.

Now the Red Chamber is looking for a way to dry them off.

The Senate is ordering bath towels — lots of them.

"The Senate of Canada requires services related to the supply of clean linen on an on-going basis," says a request for proposals issued this week.

The Senate would like an inventory of 1,500 bath towels, 500 hand towels and 125 dish cloths spread over three locations: the Centre and East blocks of Parliament Hill, and the nearby Victoria Building on Wellington Street.

It would be up to the winning bidder to provide the linens and maintain their upkeep, as well as to clean the used towels.

That will be a job in itself.

The Senate, according to the document, goes through plenty of towels. On an average week, the Senate uses 1,325 bath towels, 475 hand towels and 30 dishcloths.

Spread over a year, that works out to 63,600 bath towels, 22,800 hand towels and 1,440 dishcloths.

The contract would be for three years, with two possible one-year extensions.

Cleanliness in the Senate has been an issue of late. The RCMP is reviewing the auditor general's findings of 30 senators flagged for questionable spending.

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OLG awards group new gaming rights

CASINOS

Partnership to run two facilities, may build a third

A group headed by Great Canadian Gaming Corp. has won the right to operate two existing betting facilities in eastern Ontario and the opportunity to build a new location in an area that includes Belleville and Quinte West.

The Ontario Gaming East partnership will pay $37.4 million in cash and provide a further $13 million to cover operating expenses in return for a 20-year agreement with the provincial corporation responsible for betting and lotteries.

The agreement covers the Thousand Islands casino near Kingston and the slot-machine operation at Kawartha Downs, a horse-racing track in the Peterborough area.

It also provides for a new gaming and entertainment facility for Belleville or Quinte West.

The Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation says it expects a smooth transition in early 2016, with provisions for employees to remain in their current positions and locations for at least 12 months.

The deal also provides for benefits and a registered pension plan for eligible employees and leaves OLG as owner of key information about players and responsible for compliance with laws, regulations and payments to local communities.

Great Canadian Gaming, a publicly traded company headquartered in Richmond, B.C., owns 50.1 per cent of the Ontario Gaming East Limited Partnership. It has been in Ontario horse racing since 2005, at Flamboro Downs near Hamilton and Georgian Downs south of Barrie.

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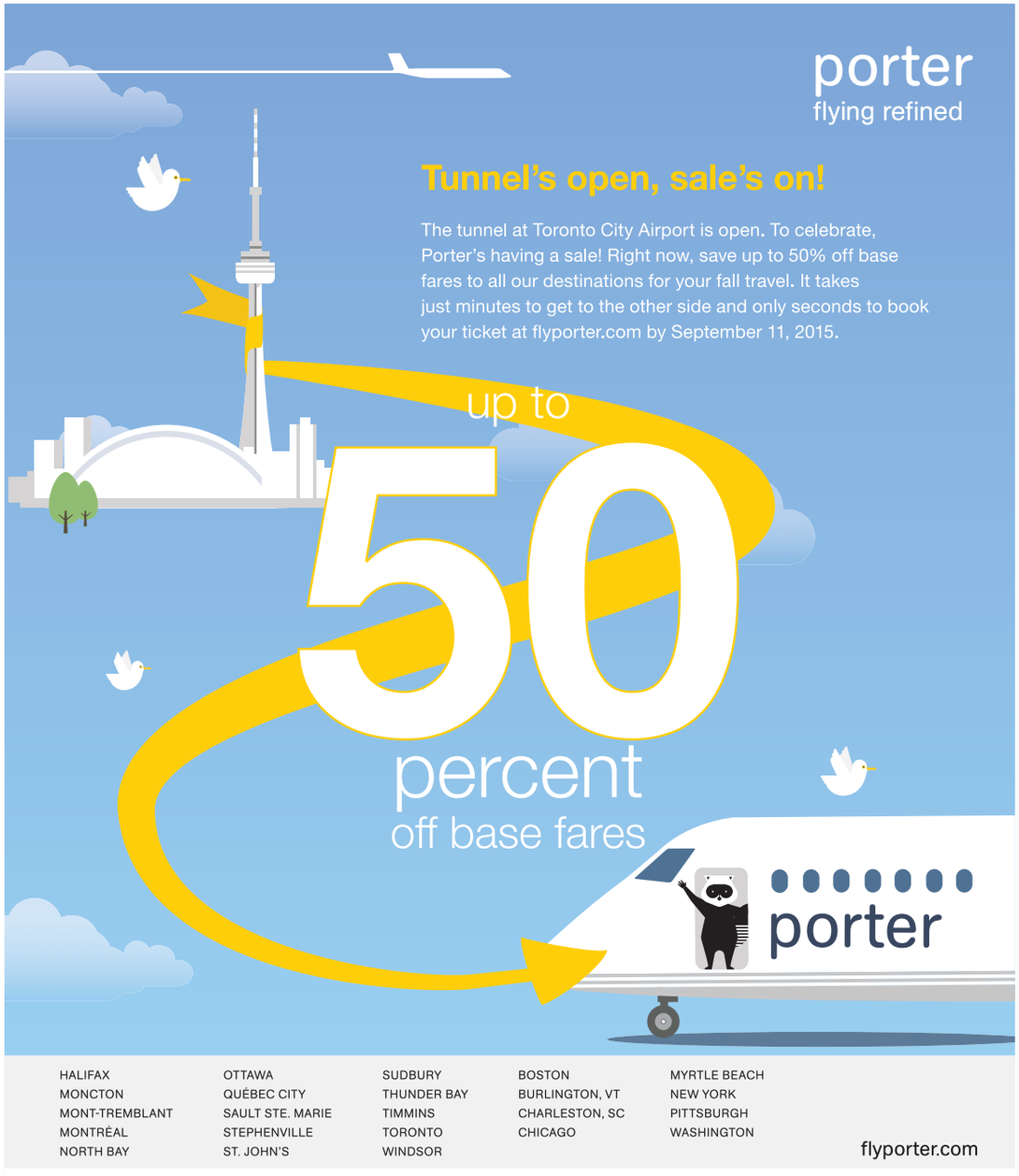

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SPORT

Ottawa man eyeing Rio gold after Parapan win

Trevor Greenway
Metro | Ottawa

When Patrice Dagenais plummeted two storeys on a construction site 12 years ago, he thought his athletic life was over.

But the 30-year-old Ottawa native just added to his medal collection, winning a Parapan Am Games gold. It's hanging next to a silver medal from the 2012 Paralympic Games in London.

But he says there's room for a third.

"We won the silver in London. It was a nice accomplishment, but I think we are better as a team," says Dagenais. With their win at the Parapan Am Games, the Canadian wheelchair rugby team immediately qualifies for the Paralympic Games in Rio next summer and the expectations have never been higher.

"We have improved, and our goal is really to win that gold medal and it's definitely possible. It's not going to be easy," says Dagenais.

But he isn't used to things being easy.

After a 2003 construction accident left him a quadriplegic, Dagenais fought through throes of depression, dealing with a massive loss of independence as an 18-year-old and the frustrations of having to relearn basic tasks — from driving a car to putting on clothes.

Dagenais began playing wheelchair rugby in 2005 and made the national squad four years later. But the road along the way was fraught with sacrifice. Training six days a week, sometimes twice a day, constant travel to practice with teammates who are spread out across the country and an overall dedication to the sport to make the cut of just 12 wheelchair rugby players in Canada.

And it all starts again this week, as the team's co-captain readies his squad for another stab at Paralympic gold.

Patrice Dagenais competes at the Parapan Am Games in Toronto. CONTRIBUTED

IN BRIEF

Police on the hunt for two teen robbery suspects

Ottawa police are looking for two teens who robbed a convenience store on Baseline Road.

Police say the two teens entered the store around 11:20 p.m. on Aug. 13. One suspect carried a knife and demanded the cashier hand over an undisclosed amount of money and cigarettes.

The second suspect stayed near the door during the robbery.

Police describe the first suspect as a white male between the ages of 16 and 18, roughly five-foot-eight to six feet tall with a slim build. He wore black baggy pants, a long-sleeved shirt, a black bandana and a black baseball cap with a yellow brim.

The second suspect was a white male also between the ages of 16 and 18 and standing about five-foot-eight. He wore black clothing. METRO

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An Unflinching look at the life of a sniper

Jody Mitic, now an Ottawa councillor, is pictured here while on duty with the Canadian Armed Forces. Mitic has written about his wartime experiences, including losing both legs in a land-mine explosion in 2007. CONTRIBUTED

SELF-RENEWAL

Former military man, Coun. Jody Mitic pens memoir

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

Jody Mitic lost both his legs in a land-mine explosion while on duty as a sniper in Afghanistan, overcame an addiction to painkillers and successfully ran for office.

But the master corporal-turned-councillor says one of the hardest things he has ever done is write a book about his life.

Unflinching: The Making of a Canadian Sniper, is a deeply personal retelling of the 38-year-old's life in the military.

"When I deal with something, I deal with it at the moment and I don't dwell," he said. "But ... I had to put myself back in those moments."

The book starts on the Afghanistan battleground in 2007, when Mitic stepped on a land mine. The story then reverts back his early childhood and builds up to that fateful day — military training, sniper school and stints overseas.

Getting back on both feet was a struggle, in more ways than one. After coming to terms with his Oxycontin addiction, Mitic went on a three-day, cold-turkey cleanse.

The book describes how he rubbed the stumps of his legs together to tough it out through the pain.

"It was hell for three days," said Mitic. "After that it wasn't easy, but I was able to deal with it."

Mitic said he became depressed after Afghanistan, but luckily did not develop post-traumatic stress disorder. He said talking about it, through various media interviews, helped.

Unflinching is also strewn with funny anecdotes and touching moments, like when Mitic reunited with Alannah, one of the medics who nursed him in Afghanistan and later became his wife. They now have two daughters, Aylah, 6, and Kierah, 3. Mitic also competed in the Amazing Race Canada with his brother, Cory, on two prosthetic legs.

Last October, Mitic was elected as the councillor for the Innes ward. Comparing the life of a sniper to one of a politician is like "night and day," he said, noting both jobs are for the betterment of his home.

BACKGROUND

Mitic has several upcoming Ottawa events. He will be signing his book at the Rideau Centre Chapters on Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. The next day, he will be at Costco in Nepean at 1849 Merivale Rd. starting at 10 a.m. There's an event at the Canadian War Museum on Thursday, but it has sold out.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

First Nations Assembly chief plans to vote

Assembly of First Nations national chief Perry Bellegarde says he plans to vote in the upcoming federal election after all.

In an interview last week, Bellegarde, who late last year was elected the head of the national lobby group representing 634 First Nations communities in Canada, indicated he was undecided about whether he would vote in the Oct. 19 federal election. He also said he hadn't voted in the past.

"I just haven't done it. It's a real personal thing, because I've been in First Nations leadership positions for most of my life. And I was respecting what the older people told me: because we have a treaty relationship with the Crown. What they told me was, no matter who gets in, the Crown is supposed to live by and abide by the relationship and implement the treaty," he said last week explaining why he hasn't voted in the past.

BACKGROUND

The Assembly believes First Nations voters could have an impact in as many as 51 ridings, including ridings in northern Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

But after giving that interview he travelled late last week to his home province of Saskatchewan where he spoke to First Nations community members young and old who urged him to exercise his franchise.

He also listened to First Nations voices from across Canada.

"The message to me is consistent and clear — it is vital that First Nations voices be heard in every way possible," Bellegarde said in a statement Wednesday. He said he hasn't yet decided which party he'll support. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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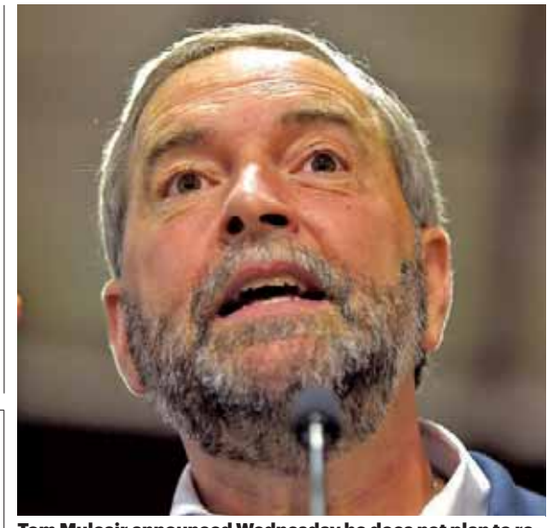

Tom Mulcair announced Wednesday he does not plan to relieve Shawn Dearn of his duties over previous controversial remarks on Twitter. COURTESY THE CANADIAN PRESS

NDP leader takes aide's apology

ELECTIONS 2015

Some call for dismissal over tweets against Catholics

New Democrat Leader Tom Mulcair said Wednesday that he had no plans to fire his most senior communications aide for tweeting offensive anti-Roman Catholic comments.

At an event in Niagara Falls, Ont., a grim-faced Mulcair stood resolutely by Shawn Dearn, whose two-year-old tweets resurfaced late Tuesday.

"He felt very bad about it and I'm more than willing to move on from that," Mulcair said.

"He's made a mistake and he has apologized for it. For me, that's enough."

The tweets by Dearn, hired in February as Mulcair's director of communications, were quickly circulated on social media.

"Memo to CBC and all media," one of them reads. "Stop calling the misogynist, homophobic, child-molesting Catholic church a 'moral authority.' It's not."

Dearn, who is married to a man, also took aim at Pope Benedict for saying Britain's human rights policy on gay equality violated natural law. The tweet used an offensive expletive in connection with the Pope.

"Go f— yourself," he tweeted.

In a tweet to his confirmed followers late Tuesday, Dearn apologized.

Some called for Dearn's firing, saying he had shown extreme anti-Catholic prejudice and Mulcair's response was insufficient, given the importance of his role. They also accused him of ducking and hiding. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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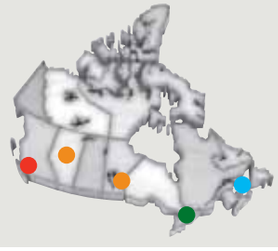

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Harper tries to stay calm as supporter heckles media

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Political Fallout

Tory leader takes queries about stance on calamity

A Conservative supporter at a Stephen Harper campaign event heckled a reporter Wednesday who was asking about the government's handling of the Syrian refugee crisis.

The government's response of the crisis is now front and centre in the federal election campaign.

The catcalls came in Welland, Ont., as the Conservative leader was taking questions from journalists, almost a week after the world was riveted by the image of a dead Syrian toddler on a Turkish beach.

A low, collective groan was heard in the crowd before a lone voice was heard to say: "How many kids drowned in pools in Canada this past summer? Do you blame the government for that?"

Three-year-old Alan Kurdi drowned along with his five-year-old brother Ghalib and their mother, Rehanna, in their unsuccessful attempt to find sanctuary in Greece.

Harper tried to keep his daily question-and-answer session with journalists from going off the rails.

"OK, go ahead," he told the reporter, an awkward smile on his face, as the heckler kept speaking. "OK, OK. Go ahead."

The prime minister is under pressure to admit more refugees, and Harper said he will — but while taking care to avoid allowing terrorists from a war zone into Canada.

"This government is committed to acting, committed to bringing more people in, committed to expediting the process. And frankly, I said this before this was in the headlines earlier in this campaign," he said.

It wasn't the first time that hecklers have taken issue — not with Harper, but the questions he's been asked. The incident knocked Harper off message, just as it did in August when Conservative supporters heckled reporters asking questions about the Mike Duffy fraud trial.

Prior to the incident, Harper spent almost an hour talking expansively about the economy in a controlled question-and-answer session with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce.

Harper, Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau and NDP Leader Tom Mulcair were all campaigning in Ontario on Wednesday, where the fate of the province's ailing manufacturing sector is a key issue.

Harper was responding to an earlier attack by Trudeau on Wednesday.

The Liberal leader invoked examples dating back more than a century, when Canadians helped people fleeing Europe, Africa and Asia.

"Quite frankly, security concerns didn't stop Wilfrid Laurier from bringing in record numbers of Ukrainians," Trudeau told supporters in Toronto.

"Louis St. Laurent didn't let security concerns stop him from welcoming — at the height of the Cold War — tens upon tens of thousands of Hungarian refugees."

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Stephen Harper speaks during a question-and-answer session with the Chamber of Commerce during a campaign stop in Welland, Ont., on Wednesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **We are talking about a terrorist war zone a lot of people are coming from. We will make sure we are also protecting Canadians from the security risk.**
> Conservative Leader Stephen Harper

BACKGROUND

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau noted on Wednesday the government of his father, Pierre, did not let security concerns prevent him from "welcoming in thousands upon thousands of Ismaili refugees fleeing Idi Amin in Uganda" in the 1970s.

HARDSHIP

Refugee remains 'in limbo'

Hussein Rahim had already lost his cousin and uncle — one shot dead, the other missing — when he was arrested by military forces during a protest in his native Syria.

His family paid thousands of dollars for his release, but fear of being detained again as the unrest turned to armed conflict prompted him to seek asylum in Canada, he said in a recent interview.

Rahim thought his ordeal was over when he finally set foot in Toronto's Pearson International Airport in 2012, carrying a Greek passport he'd purchased in Turkey.

But three years later, the 35-year-old said he remains in limbo, his case unheard and his fate uncertain.

Worldwide attention has focused on the plight of Syrian refugees fleeing the war-torn country. Some have family members living abroad who are trying to sponsor from afar; others, like Rahim, take matters into their own hands. Either way is a difficult process.

Detained on arrival in Toronto for more than three weeks, Rahim said he was seen and freed by officials only after threatening to go on hunger strike.

But he has yet to be granted a hearing on his application, or even on an interim petition that would allow him to visit his ailing mother in Turkey, he said.

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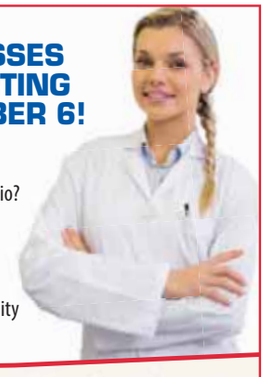
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IN BRIEF

Canadian couple watches home robbery via web cam

A Canadian couple watched via web cam as a man broke into their Florida vacation home on Fort Myers Beach before turning the video over to authorities.

The surveillance tape helped Lee County sheriff's deputies arrest 45-year-old Thomas Hinton on Sunday, the day after the burglary.

He's charged with burglary and grand theft and was jailed on $160,000 bond. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CALGARY

Bakery guest leaves $525 tip, by accident

The staff at a Calgary bakery may have been flattered but were mostly worried on the weekend when a customer using a debit machine bought $49 worth of baked goods and left a whopping $525 tip.

Workers at the Sidewalk Citizen didn't notice the generous gratuity until they were cashing out at the end of the day.

They suspected it might have been an error, so they held onto the money, hoping the customer would come back to claim it.

They also contacted the Royal Bank, which managed to contact the customer and determine that it was indeed a misunderstanding.

Customer Pat Benedict — who returned to the bakery for her refund on Tuesday — said she's grateful for the vigilance of the bakery staff.

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No asylum in Hungary

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The World Reacts

Migrants find little sympathy for their plight

A makeshift camp of thousands from the Middle East, Asia and Africa has been dismantled at Budapest's Keleti train station, and its inhabitants have left for Germany. But the loathing of them lingers in Hungary, which hopes to build a border fence strong enough to keep out future waves of asylum seekers.

"We need the fence," said Istvan Szabo, a 43-year-old lathe operator having a beer at a bar next to the station, where hundreds seeking refuge in the European Union still line up daily to buy tickets to Western Europe.

The tent city sprang up last month when the government blocked the asylum seekers from travelling by train to Austria and Germany. Authorities finally gave in last weekend and sent buses to take them to the border with Austria. Szabo, like many in this socially conservative land of 10 million, says he doesn't understand why they've come.

Thousands of people, such as these at Roszke, Hungary, have continued to cross the border from Serbia over the past few days. DAN KITWOOD/GETTY IMAGES

"If they couldn't solve their problems back where they live, why do they think they're going to be able to solve them here?" Szabo said.

Such lack of sympathy is a striking feature of the massive march this summer from Turkey through southeastern Europe.

Many of the trekkers interviewed by The Associated Press say their worst experiences have come in Hungary, where farmers hiss at them in disapproval and the government leaves their care mostly up to unpaid volunteers.

A recent opinion poll sponsored by the Budapest think-tank Republikon found that just 19 per cent believe Hungary has a duty to take in refugees, while 66 per cent deem them a threat and should not be let in.

The findings reflect a country where ethnic minorities barely exist outside Budapest and right-wing beliefs dominate in small towns that strongly support the ultranationalist Jobbik party.

"Many Hungarians are racist. They lack self-confidence and see their identity under threat. And our government exploits these feelings to boost its own popularity," said Zsuzsanna Zhohar, 36, who has helped lead volunteer efforts to give food, water, medical aid and other help to those passing through Hungary.

"It can be hard to convince Hungarians that these people don't want to take our jobs, our homes, our women, our dogs," she said, laughing at the absurdity of the idea.

"The government says they don't want immigrants here and they can't take our jobs away," said satirist Gergely Kovacs, a 35-year-old graphic designer. "But the truth is that nobody wants to come here."

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MANSLAUGHTER

Teen charged with encouraging suicide

At first glance, the text messages appear to show a disturbing case of cyberbullying: one teen urging another to kill himself.

But the texts were not sent by a school bully. They were from a 17-year-old girl to her boyfriend, whom she called the love of her life.

"You can't think about it. You just have to do it. You said you were gonna do it. Like I don't get why you aren't," Michelle Carter allegedly wrote to Conrad Roy III the day he parked his truck outside a Fairhaven, Mass., Kmart and killed himself through carbon monoxide poisoning.

Prosecutors have charged Carter with involuntary manslaughter in Roy's 2014 death. They say that in the week before Roy killed himself, Carter assisted by urging him to overcome his doubts about taking his own life, pressuring him to do it and even telling him to get back in his truck he became frightened that the plan was working.

Carter's lawyer has strenuously denied that she pushed him to kill himself. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Michelle Carter
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IN BRIEF

Camerawoman fired after caught on video tripping, kicking people

A Hungarian camerawoman for an ultranationalist online TV channel has been fired after reporters filmed her kicking and tripping migrants as they fled from police.

Tuesday's footage went viral around the world within hours on social media. The N1TV channel's editor, Szabolcs Kisberk, said employment of the camerawoman, widely identified as Petra Laszlo, had been "terminated with immediate effect."

The footage trended on Twitter and was a favourite on YouTube.

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Denmark-Germany trains halted as refuge-seekers refuse to get off

All train services were halted between Germany and Denmark on Wednesday after Danish police stopped hundreds of migrants arriving by train across the border, Danish railway company DSB said. About 100 migrants who arrived from Germany refused to leave a train in the Danish port city of Roedby.

Under EU rules, people seeking asylum should do so in the first EU country they enter and not travel from one country to another. Many of the migrants say they want to go to Sweden, Norway or Finland, because they have relatives there or believe that the conditions for asylum-seekers are better.

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Clerk to be paid for jail time

KENTUCKY

Another clerk tired of being confused with Kim Davis

An employee in the office of the Kentucky clerk who was released from jail after a five-day stint for contempt says workers there will issue marriage licenses Wednesday while their boss is still out of the office.

Lawyers for Rowan County clerk Kim Davis say she will return to work Friday or Monday. Davis has become a symbol of religious freedom for many as she defied court orders to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples, citing her beliefs about homosexuality. She was released from jail Tuesday. A judge warned her not to interfere with licensing, but her lawyers wouldn't say what she'll do.

In the meantime, deputy clerk Brian Mason says the office will issues licenses in Davis' absence if anyone seeks them. Mason says that while Davis was jailed, the office issued 10 licenses: eight Friday, two Tuesday. Seven went to same-sex couples.

Kim Tabor, a clerk at the judicial centre in Morehead, KY, wears a T-shirt to work claiming she is not Kim Davis, the Rowan County clerk, on Wednesday. DYLAN T. LOVAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

To many, Kim Davis has become a household name. The clerk has garnered national attention for weeks for her refusal to issue marriage licenses to gay couples.

Just across the street from her office, another local worker shares her first name — but Kim Tabor is tired of being mistaken for the embattled clerk, and she wants to clear up the confusion.

She made herself a bright orange T-shirt that announces: "Hello. My name is not Kim Davis." Tabor works for the circuit clerk. She says people calling from all over the country have confused the two Kims and have misdirected their wrath toward Tabor.

Kentucky clerk Kim Davis can collect a paycheque for the days she sat in jail and the week she's spending at home, resting and reading hundreds of letters from her fans.

Elected officials in Kentucky get paid whether they work or not. The state auditor's office confirmed that officials don't accumulate vacation, sick or comp time.

Rowan County Attorney Cecil Watkins said paid time off is left to the official's discretion and "voters will vote you out if you take too much."

Davis was sent to jail Thursday for defying a series of federal court orders and continuing to deny marriage licenses to same-sex couples. She was released Tuesday and announced she will not return to work until Monday.

Davis draws a salary of $80,000.

Residents of the eastern Kentucky town where the county clerk was jailed for refusing to issue marriage licenses say they are eager for things to return to normal.

The jailing of Kim Davis forced residents of this eastern Kentucky community to confront each other with deeply held beliefs they had previously kept to themselves. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEXAS

Cavity search reveals handgun

Police in Texas say they removed a loaded handgun from a woman's body during a cavity search.

Waco police Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton told the Waco Tribune-Herald that officers stopped a driver for a traffic violation late Monday and found methamphetamine inside the vehicle. A man and woman were arrested.

Swanton says while 31-year-old Ashley Cecilia Castaneda was being taken to jail, she told an officer she had a loaded .22-calibre semiautomatic handgun inside her vagina.

Swanton says officers called for a female officer, who retrieved the gun. Swanton confirmed the weapon was loaded.

Castaneda is charged with possession of methamphetamine and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Thirty-year-old Gabriel Garcia faces the same drug charge. Both are in custody in lieu of bond. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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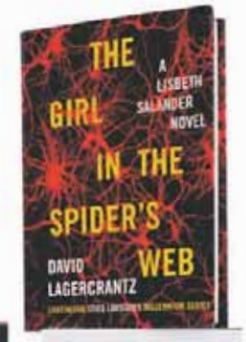

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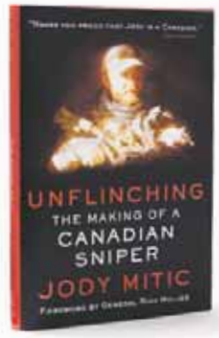

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TECHNOLOGY

Apple unveils new TV system, smartphones and iPad Pro

CEO Tim Cook introduces the new iPhone 6s and 6s Plus during a company showcase Wednesday in San Francisco. STEPHEN LAM/GETTY IMAGES

Apple staked a new claim to the living room on Wednesday, as the maker of iPhones and other handheld gadgets unveiled an Internet TV system that's designed as a beachhead for the tech giant's broader ambitions to deliver a wide range of information, games, music and video to the home.

CEO Tim Cook and other executives also showed off two new iPhone models, a plus-sized iPad with detachable keyboard and updated software for the Apple Watch during an exhaustive two-hour event in San Francisco's Bill Graham Civic Auditorium.

Apple is counting on sales of the new iPhones to maintain its position as one of the most profitable, and valuable, companies in the world.

But it's the new Apple TV system that some analysts point to as an important step for the company as Cook attempts to build a business that doesn't rely so heavily on the iPhone.

For now, however, the iPhone is still Apple's most important product. Sales of the iconic smartphone contributed more than two-thirds of the Cupertino, Calif. company's $107 billion in revenue during the first half of 2015.

Apple announced Wednesday that it will sell two new iPhone models, dubbed the 6s and 6s Plus, starting Sept. 25. They're roughly the same size and will cost the same as the record-selling 6 and 6 Plus models introduced last year, which will now sell for $100 less.

The new iPhones will have more memory, faster processors, a new 12 mega-pixel camera, and the new "3D Touch" feature that will be able to distinguish differences in finger pressure on the screen. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TRAVEL

Albertans fly less due to oil slump: WestJet

WestJet Airlines says fewer Albertans are booking flights because of the oil price slump.

While the Calgary-based carrier said it didn't see any signs of a slowdown in the first quarter, the situation worsened in the seasonally slower second quarter.

"We are seeing some softening in the Alberta market as you would expect with what's gone on with the prolonged oil prices," Bob Cummings, executive vice-president commercial, told a Cowen and Company transportation conference in Boston.

About a quarter of WestJet's capacity originates from the oil-producing province.

Cummings said that a switch in some traffic from charter carriers to scheduled service has helped to mitigate the situation.

WestJet says it has a 38 per cent market share in Canada, and will try to lure more business travellers by offering a section of its Boeing 737s with an empty middle seat as of Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Bank of Canada keeps key interest rate at 0.5 per cent

Household spending and an improving U.S. economy are underpinning the Canadian economy, the Bank of Canada said Wednesday in announcing it will keep its key interest rate on hold at 0.5 per cent. The stand pat decision by the BoC was in line with economists' expectations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Instagram video ads extended

Instagram users have already been seeing more advertisements pop up in their feeds of artisanal cocktails, wide-eyed kittens and vacation photos, and now they can expect longer video ads in the mix too.

The Facebook-owned photo-sharing app is adding 30-second video ads and other features in a push to give businesses more ways to tap the 300 million people who use it at least once a month. Previously, ads on Instagram were 15 seconds long.

Instagram said in a blog post that large and small advertisers will be able to run campaigns on Instagram starting this month, and ads are now available in more than 30 new countries, including India, South Korea and Mexico. More than 70 per cent of Instagram's users are outside of the U.S.

The duration of video ads will increase from 15 to 30 seconds. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The company said businesses have been testing the app's new tools over the summer, and Instagram is seeing "significant" demand in areas like e-commerce, travel and entertainment.

Instagram is already an established marketing tool for small businesses like restaurants, bakeries and hair salons that sell items that photograph well. The app was founded in 2010 and bought by Facebook two years later. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RETIREMENT PLANNING

Canadians' outlook bleak: Survey

A new survey suggests many Canadians are pessimistic about their financial futures and expect to work longer than originally planned before retiring.

According to the survey, released by the Canadian Payroll Association, three-quarters of working Canadians polled reported having put aside less than 25 per cent of the money they expect to need upon retiring.

And it says less than half of people even 50 and older have reached that threshold.

The survey, the association's seventh annual to mark National Payroll Week, also found that 35 per cent of respondents expect to work longer.

More than one in five employees surveyed said they will need to work four years or more than they originally expected before retiring, citing a lack of sufficient savings as the main reason.

"They are not sounding very promising of what (their) future is going to look like," said association vice-chairwoman Lucy Zambon.

Although about half of workers expect to need more than $1 million for retirement, 47 per cent are putting away just five per cent or less of their net pay.

Almost half of Canadians polled said they are living paycheque to paycheque.

The national cross-industry online survey of 3,065 employees was conducted from June 29 to Aug. 7 by Framework Partners. The polling industry's professional body, the Marketing Research and Intelligence Association, says online surveys cannot be assigned a margin of error because they do not randomly sample the population. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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CHANTAL HÉBERT: ON HOW HARPER MISSED THE MARK

Critics ... do not see the pursuit of the military engagement against Islamic extremists as a rationale to decline to resettle many more Syrian refugees in Canada.

It is not necessary to set one's watch on polls to see that Stephen Harper's business-as-usual reaction to the Syrian refugee issue has missed the political mark.

One look at the line-up of critics who are, to put it mildly, underwhelmed by his low-key response to the resettlement needs of hundreds of thousands of Syrian civilians driven out of their country by an ongoing civil war tells the story.

Unlike the opposition parties, more than a few of those critics actually support Harper's decision to sign Canada up for airstrikes against Islamic extremists in the Middle East.

Unlike the Conservative leader, they do not see the pursuit of the military engagement against Islamic extremists in the Middle East as an excuse or a rationale to decline to resettle many more Syrian refugees in Canada right away.

Retired general Rick Hillier served as the commander of the armed forces at the peak of the country's military engagement in Afghanistan. A dove he most certainly is not.

On his Facebook page this week, Hillier wrote: "I wonder why we, as the great country that we are, could not stand tall during these dark days for the hundreds of thousands of displaced souls who are fleeing, quite literally, for their very lives."

He believes Canada should try to bring in 50,000 migrants before the end of the year.

Barbara McDougall served as Secretary of State of External Affairs in Brian Mulroney's Progressive Conservative government. She, too, believes Harper has so far not risen to the challenge.

In an op-ed piece published on Tuesday in The Globe and Mail, McDougall wrote, "It is beyond time for Mr. Harper to recognize that every leader faces an unexpected moral choice that sometimes seems to come out of nowhere — and this is his."

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall is one of Harper's closest provincial allies. On the day after Harper argued for a stay-the-course approach to the refugee crisis last week, Wall tweeted: "SK can support more refugees. As a people & govt we will do our part for those fleeing war, tyranny for safe asylum."

Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard supported Canada's military participation in strikes against Islamic extremists in the Middle East from the very start. He, too, is no dove.

His government wants to triple the number of Syrian refugees coming to Quebec. A number of other provinces, including Ontario, have similarly offered to do more. Couillard also decided to find out for himself just how difficult it is to sponsor a refugee family. He joined a group of his riding's constituents set up for that purpose.

Toronto Mayor John Tory — a former Ontario Progressive Conservative leader — has also signed up to help sponsor refugees. And he has been working with the mayors of Canada's other big cities to push to resettle more Syrian migrants in Canada. "As mayor of the most multicultural city, I believe we should mobilize to sponsor Syrian refugees. This is who we are as Canadians," he explained.

Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi leads the city that is home to Harper's riding. On the weekend, he called the Conservative response to the migrant issue a "disgrace."

When he decided to stay the course on the refugee issue late last week, Harper knew he was walking into a fight with his opposition rivals.

He must have, at least initially, relished the prospect, for he could have instead taken up the other leaders on their unanimous offer to come together around a range of more proactive measures on the refugee front.

Harper called that a partisan game.

The refugee crisis appeared on the campaign radar at a time when the Conservatives were in dire need of a shot of momentum after a bruising first month on the hustings.

Since then, the party has dropped to third place in voting intentions in a number of polls.

Based on the recent past, the high road not taken would have led to greener pastures for the Conservative campaign. It was when he allowed Canadians to catch a glimpse of his non-partisan side, right after the Parliament Hill shootings, that Harper last caught a real break in voting intentions.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

THE MICROTREND: What's old is brewed again

North American craft brewers, whether they know it or not, are refreshing a centuries-old tradition by tapping the power of beer to raise awareness and funds for good causes. Proceeds from Ottawa-brewed Whiprsnapr Slingr support mental-health care, while Seattle's KEXP Transistor IPA is helping a college radio station stay afloat. It's a twist on a European medieval tradition, in which townspeople would gather around a communal cask and pay a fee to partake. A "help-ale" was for the unfortunate, a "church-ale" for building maintenance and a "bid-ale" to aid the bankrupt. A "bride-ale" would help a young couple set up a home — perhaps the origin of the "bridal" shower custom of today.

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Religious freedoms are not a get-out-of-work-free card

Was it a baptism?

Was it a boxing match?

Press conference or religious rite?

By the way they played Eye of the Tiger and held Kim Davis' arms up high as a cross bobbed over the cheering crowd, the way she bent over with tears of ecstasy to be free from jail after refusing to grant gay people marriage licences in Kentucky — I really couldn't tell.

"I just want to give God the glory," Davis said. "We serve a living God who knows exactly where each and every one stands. Keep pressing; don't let down, because He is here. He is worthy."

You might have missed it, but she was really talking about gay rights there.

And as a Catholic, I've gotta say, she's dead wrong.

Religious freedoms aren't a get-out-of-work-free card. Your beliefs don't trump the rights of others.

Davis' job is to uphold the law in the U.S. The law says gay people can marry. That, unfortunately for her, is the end of it.

It's a different story for Charee Stanley, a Muslim woman who won't serve alcohol as a flight attendant because her faith prevents it. Given that some other flight attendant can easily pour the wine, her employer — whom she's now suing after she was suspended — should be able to accommodate that. Employers, to quote her lawyer, should "provide a safe environment where employees can feel they can practise their religion freely."

What makes the two cases different is that one is about the core function of a job, while the other is not.

One is about "pressing" to shape the world to your faith. The other is about figuring out how to live with your faith in the world.

One is about what others should not have. The other is about what you, as a believer, can reasonably demand.

But more than that, these cases open up the question of how to be around those different from you.

Is your belief meant to guard you like a thick coat from the cold (the non-religious)? Or is your belief a tool to make the world a more loving place?

Do you love God alone, or do you love God everywhere? In everyone?

An obsession over the rules can only blind you to their raison d'etre. Faith is not black and white. And it should never be wielded as a weapon.

You can do justice to God by doing justice to your fellow woman. But you cannot remake the world in your own image. If you can't accept that, Davis, find another job.

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Warner Bros. says it will release British director Christopher Nolan's next film

5 NEW FILMS BASED ON HOT BOOKS

For those who prefer a little CanLit with their popcorn, here are five festival circuit films with local literary ties

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

For hardcore cinephiles, the Toronto International Film Festival marks the end of the summer's superhero season with its promise of future Oscar contenders and more "serious-minded" fare. As always, this year's festival circuit lineup offers plenty of brain candy for readers, with adaptations of novels by Martin Amis (London Fields), Colm Tóibín (Brooklyn), J.G. Ballard (High-Rise) and more. A handful of others have local ties.

1 **Hyena Road** There are few books or films that have attempted to capture Canadian experiences in Afghanistan, but multitalented actor-writer-director Paul Gross is doing both, by simultaneously releasing print and cinematic versions of his contemporary war story, Hyena Road. Gross, who also stars in the film, interconnects the stories of a Canadian intelligence officer and sniper with that of a Jihadist. Expect this to be a tough watch: Gross followed a similar structure for his 2008 film Passchendaele, which dug deep into the emotional being of those whose lives were permanently scarred by the bloody First World War

2 battle.

The Martian This year's outer-space blockbuster stars half of Hollywood, including Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain, Kristen Wiig, Chiwetel Ejiofor and Kate Mara. But it's also a fairy tale story for California debut writer Andy Weir — one with a Canadian twist. Before Random House and director Ridley Scott came a-calling with major book and film deals, respectively, Weir self-published his intergalactic saga, The Martian, on his website, where it was discovered and released as an audiobook by Podium Publishing, a small operation out

3 of Newmarket, Ont.

Al Purdy Was Here It doesn't get any more CanLit than this tribute documentary to the late Al Purdy, who was dubbed the country's "unofficial poet laureate" when he died in 2000. The debut doc by former Maclean's film critic Brian D. Johnson features plenty of archival footage, luminaries such as Irving Layton, Margaret Lawrence and Leonard Cohen, as well as inspired performances by musicians such as Sarah Harmer, Bruce Cockburn and Tanya Tagaq. If you need a primer on the hard-drinking but prolific Bukowski-endorsed poet, find a copy of Beyond

4 Remembering: The Collected Poems of Al Purdy.

Room The premise behind Emma Donoghue's 2010 international bestselling novel, Room, sounds like a sensational tabloid story: a five-year-old boy named Jack is held captive in a single room, innocently unaware there's an outside world, thanks to his fiercely protective mother. Yet, because of Jack's innocent narration and perspective, the book never veers into the horrific. While it's tough to imagine that the film, starring Brie Larson, could as effectively capture Jack's voice or the resilient parental bond, the

5 great news is Donoghue also wrote the screenplay.

This Changes Everything Arguably one of the most significant books on climate change and corporate responsibility, Naomi Klein's award-winning volume This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Environment gets a documentary treatment by her husband, director Avi Lewis. Shot in nine countries over four years, the companion film focuses on seven stories of inspiring frontline activists who are challenging failing economic models in an effort to radically change their own communities, and in return, the future of the planet.

Patrick deWitt arrives for the Giller Prize awards in Toronto, November 8, 2011. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Small publishers shine on Giller list

The 2015 Scotiabank Giller Prize longlist was announced yesterday — and along with some expected names there are a few surprises among the nominees for the $100,000 award.

The announcement was made at McGill University in Montreal.

Small publishers made a strong showing with Windsor, Ont.-based Biblioasis claiming three of the 12 spots on the longlist. "I'm going to have to splurge for a bottle of something now," joked Dan Wells, owner of Biblioasis.

House of Anansi Press and Coach House Books each garnered one book, while big publishers HarperCollins and Penguin Random House cleaned up the final seven spots.

Andre Alexis' Fifteen Dogs (Coach House), has also been shortlisted for a Toronto Book Award.

Michael Christie for his novel If I Fall, If I Die, (McClelland & Stewart); his first novel, The Beggar's Garden, made the longlist in 2011.

Rachel Cusk, a Canadian-born writer who works and lives in the U.K., is nominated for her novel Outline (Harper Perennial, an imprint of HarperCollins)

Marina Endicott for her novel Close to Hugh, (Doubleday Canada). This is a repeat showing for Endicott: her second novel Good to a Fault was shortlisted for the prize in 2008.

Saskatchewan writer Connie Gault is on the Giller list for the first time with her second novel A Beauty (McClelland & Stewart).

Clifford Jackman was nominated for his novel The Winter Family (Random House Canada) an allegorical Western story.

Patrick deWitt's nomination for Undermajordomo Minor (House of Anansi Press) follows the massive success of his second novel The Sisters Brothers in 2011, which also made the Giller list.

Arvida by Samuel Archibald, translated from the French by Donald Winkler, Confidence, Russell Smith's short story collection and Martin John a novel by Anakana Schofield, were all published by Biblioasis.

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Fashion forecast calls for skin, ongoing '70s revival

FASHION

Four style trends to spot on the festival red carpets

Ryan Porter
For Metro Canada

The dress code for Canadian film festivals? Do you.

Unlike the formality of Cannes and Venice, stars get a fashion-free space at TIFF and VIFF.

"Their fashion isn't as scrutinized," says Erica Wark, a stylist and frequent fashion expert on The Social. "It gives them an opportunity to think outside the box."

With the pressure off, here are four trends that Canadian style savants say could grace the gala red carpets in the weeks to come.

Northern exposure

While Canada in September doesn't scream sheer panels and cutouts, peekaboo pieces are so on trend that Wark expects more big reveals this festival season.

"Skin is in," she says. "We're going to see more cutouts, more sheer, more deep Vs, or maybe showing a lot of leg."

Spirit of '76

On TIFF's 40th anniversary, expect celebs to take cues from the festival's 1976 premiere. The '70s revival has been a recurring theme on the runway, says TNT's retail director Jill Vanderzand.

"We're seeing a lot of velvet, which I feel is very '70s, especially when you see it in a suit," Vanderzand says.

"A velvet flare pant with a matching blazer would be really cool for the red carpet if it was made into more of a tuxedo look."

Ear candy

Recent film festival red carpets have seen jewelry take a backseat to dresses with more elaborate detailing and prints.

"People are really paring back their jewelry and letting their outfit be the piece, because the dress is almost like a piece of jewellery," says Wark.

However, this year could mark a shift in style.

"There is a huge trend toward bold earrings this season," says Suzanne Timmins, senior vice-president and fashion director of Hudson's Bay.

"I would love to see some stars wearing extra-long, shoulder-dusting earrings."

Back to black

No white after Labour Day? That old maxim could extend to include men's dress shirts.

"Tonal dressing is a big trend in menswear that would be great for a premiere," says Timmons.

"Black on black, rather than the traditional black suit with white shirt, would be a strong look for the red carpet."

The skin we're in: According to Erica Wark, expect deep Vs, sheer panels, cutouts and lots of leg (Anna Kendrick pictured) at TIFF. GETTY IMAGES

THE INSPIRATION

Old school Hollywood glamour

Karen Black, seen here at the Toronto film festival in 1978 with husband Kit Carson, is the kind of screen siren designers were inspired by for the current '70s revival.

Stylist Erica Wark would love to see TIFF's modern-day stars embrace retro looks.

"I love seeing Julia Roberts in a jumpsuit," she says. "If she pulls one out, I think I might die."

RYAN PORTER/FOR METRO

Kit Carson and Karen Black make a movie-star entrance at the Elgin theatre for the premiere of In Praise of Older Women, 1978. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Suzanne Timmins says monochromic is in for men; we'll see black dress shirts paired with dark suits like Scott Speedman's slick kit pictured here. Kate Winslet is on trend in a drama-free dress and statement earrings. GETTY IMAGES

DIGITAL

Hipster Barbie's #blessed life

Irene Kuan
Metro | Canada

The folks at Mattel may want to capitalize on this idea for their next Barbie doll.

A parody account called Socality Barbie, a.k.a. Hipster Barbie has blown up over the Internet, amassing more than 900K followers on Instagram with her cool style, #liveauthentic nature shots, deep thoughts and perfectly posed photos of latte art, ice cream art and outfits of the day.

The account was created three months ago by a Portland, Oregon-based wedding photographer, who started Instagramming pics of an intricately posed brunette Barbie dressed in the latest hipster-fashion finds. Think Filson backpack, Warby Parker glasses, crochet beanie and a Pendleton blanket.

She's often pictured in front of scenic nature backdrops, in cafes with a birds-eye view of her latte, and accompanied by a purposely annoying, snide caption.

The creator, who wants to remain anonymous, said she made the account to "show how ridiculous social media has become."

"I was getting tired of seeing people taking the same pictures, in the same places, and using the same captions while hash tagging #liveauthentic," she said.

Hipster Barbie's profile describes her as living 'That PNW (Pacific Northwest) Life, and says she is an adventurer and coffee drinker who puts her faith in Jesus. Barbie's life includes #exploring and #exploringmore, contemplating life through her travels and finding beauty and creativity in every moment of life.

This Barbie reminds you that she is more #authentic than thou. INSTAGRAM/@SOCALITYBARBIE

However, if you read her Instagram captions closely, you can tell the account is mocking social-media crazy millennials and their ideas of "deep" thoughts and living that authentic life.

Check out the account. Are you slightly jealous her Instagram pics are so much better than yours?

GOSSIP BRIEFS

Sienna Miller's highs and lows

Sienna Miller just needs to vent, OK? The actress and new mom — who recently split from the father of her young daughter, Tom Sturridge — gets refreshingly candid with British Vogue about how taxing it all can be.

"Obviously when you have a baby it's the most incredible experience but your life is also catapulted into this chaos and you are exhausted. I could literally get on this table and fall asleep," she says. "That's the curse of motherhood—we just run ourselves ragged. I'm just trying to get a sense of what that guilt is. I sometimes feel like it's a totally invented emotion. It's strange to be punishing ourselves this way. It's not healthy."

And as for her feelings on Sturridge? Well, it's not much sunnier — but at least her career is on track. "It's been really quite overwhelming recently, just with the volume of everything going on," she admits. "Everything is shifting. It's actually been the s—t year, and amazing. It's always yin and yang. I feel like if you're excelling in one area, it's hard to manage both and I do feel like the work is going really well."

NED EHRBAR/FOR METRO

ROMANCE

Stefani-Shelton hookup?

There's a delightful kind of symmetry in this new gossip item about The Voice hosts Gwen Stefani and Blake Shelton possibly becoming an item in the wake of both of their divorces. It's all just so streamlined and convenient. I love it. "They're really into each other. Let's face it, they were both unhappily married when they met," a source tells In Touch. "Now their divorce proceedings are something they can talk about and commiserate over."

And apparently they've been doing more than just commiserating. While it seems mildly terrifying for the singer of No Doubt to be getting down with country star Shelton, apparently he's completely smitten with her. Shelton "is in awe of her career, talent and business savvy," the source explains.

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Ellen's American Idol stint her 'worst decision'

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Ellen DeGeneres told Howard Stern that she 'hated' her time as a judge on American Idol. GETTY IMAGES

CONFESSIONS

Former judge isn't the first to speak ill about time on show

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Hollywood

Regrets, Ellen DeGeneres has a few. And chief among them? Agreeing to be a judge on American Idol back in 2010.

"That's one of the worst decisions I've made," DeGeneres tells Howard Stern during an interview, admitting that she "hated" her time on the show.

And she's not the first former judge to speak out about the show. In May, Mariah Carey admitted during a radio interview that her tenure on the hit reality show was pretty terrible, too. "That was the worst experience of my life," Carey said. "I'm not going to get into what it was, but let's just say I don't think they had any intentions for us to have a good experience doing that show."

Yikes. Good thing it's ending after the upcoming season, yeah? So what is it about the show that made these folks so unhappy? Could it just be that, thanks to the tone set by Simon Cowell, everyone comes away with a tendency toward hyperbole? That's just the worst.

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Your essential daily news

The Property Brothers Handbook app provides tips and a budget tracker for home projects

What they're a$king

This week we picked a selection of three-bedroom resale homes in quiet neighbourhoods, suitable for growing families. These newer homes are located in residential neighbourhoods just outside the city core.

Duncan McAllister FOR METRO

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$949,000

Ottawa

For sale is this custom-designed Houry Avedissian executive home built by West Hill Homes, located at 237 Royal Ave., in the Westboro Beach neighbourhood. There's 2,100 sq. ft. of living space, a garage and finished lower level. The open-concept living areas have nine-foot ceilings on the main level, glass staircase and Deslaurier kitchen with quartz countertops. There's a private landscaped outdoor space with deck. Listing agent Kerry Millican is a sales representative with Royal LePage Team Realty, 613-729-9090.

$399,900

Halifax

Here's a custom, two-storey home in the Waverley neighbourhood. The home features soaring ceilings and a wall of corner windows. The main floor provides a formal sitting area with two-sided fireplace, and a modern kitchen with upgraded stainless steel appliances. A large master bedroom has a five-piece ensuite plus a walk-in closet. There's a backyard deck and double garage. The listing agent is Thomas Bagogloo from the Bagogloo Team, Re/Max nova, 902-830-9006.

$404,900

Winnipeg

Here's a nearly-new, 1,600-sq.-ft., two-storey home ready for possession in the Waverly West neighbourhood. It features an open, bright plan with maple island kitchen and a large dining room with patio doors to future deck. There's a main-floor laundry, oversized master with four-piece ensuite and a large walk-in closet, and landscaped front and back yards. Listing agent David Heinrichs is a sales representative with Royal LePage Dynamic Real Estate, 204-479-9222.

$409,900

Calgary

Featured is a detached, two-storey home in the Copperfield neighbourhood. Located across from a playground on a quiet street, the home offers numerous upgrades including hardwood floors, nine-foot ceilings and stainless steel appliances. The main floor offers a spacious great room with gas fireplace, and large kitchen with lots of counter space. The yard is landscaped and fully fenced. Tim Lind is a sales representative for RE/Max Real Estate (Mountain View), 403-333-0837.

$1,698,000

Vancouver

For sale is this West Coast contemporary home in Burnaby that offers more than 2,400 sq. ft. of living space, with nine-foot ceilings throughout. Interiors feature custom cabinetry, Italian ceramics and Jenn Air pro series appliances. There's also radiant floor heating on all three levels, a Yamaha sound system and LED lighting. The location is steps to local eateries, cafés, schools and shopping. The listing agent is GianCarlo Cerminara with RE/Max Central, 604-433-2211.

$699,000

Toronto

This home is located on a quiet little street in the east end. It's a renovated, three-bedroom house with hardwood floors and pot lights. Extras include a fridge, stove, built-in dishwasher, washer, dryer, all window coverings and natural gas barbecue. The area has great schools and activities for young children. It's a short walk to Woodbine Beach, Kew Gardens and the TTC. Listing agent Ira Jelinek is with Harvey Kalles Real Estate Ltd., 416-464-1022.

$567,500

Edmonton

This two-storey home in Lakeland Ridge is located on a quiet street. The main floor is bright and open with large windows, with main-floor laundry and a walk-through pantry. Many upgrades throughout the home include nine-foot ceilings, quartz countertops, appliances, lighting fixtures and window coverings. The backyard has a two-tiered deck, and there's a spacious garage. The home is located near walking trails and schools. Jeremy Amyotte is a sales representative with RE/Max Elite, 780-232-7170.

Brit chic at home

As of yesterday, Queen Elizabeth II officially became the longest-reigning monarch in British history. Her 63 years and seven months on the job has officially surpassed the reign of her great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria. With a record like that it's only fitting we celebrate in the home with some British decor inspiration.

Karl Lohnes
For Metro Canada

1 London Fridge Decal by ADZIF
Add some whimsy to an old fridge with vinyl covering that helps take your little kitchen to London-Town. $65, HomeDepot.ca

2 Union Jack 20" Decorative Pillow
British pride mixes with luxurious chenille. $15, BedBathAndBeyond.ca

3 Afternoon Tea — Cream wallpaper
Spice up a wall in the kitchen or the interior of an old jam cupboard. $60/roll, GrahamBrown.com

4 Crown 2-Tier Server
Adding style to afternoon or high tea. $60, Pier1.ca

5 1p Stamp Rug
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Is a mortgage broker right for you?

MONEY MATTERS

A big decision sometimes means help from an expert

Liz Brown
For Metro

There are many services a broker will provide beyond finding the best mortgage rates. SHUTTERSTOCK

Shopping for the largest loan of your life is a daunting process.

Obtaining the right mortgage for your personal situation requires plenty of research, comparison shopping and negotiation. And in some cases, you may want to bring in an expert to help — a mortgage broker.

Mortgage brokers work for homebuyers to find the best mortgages for their clients. Often homebuyers think the best mortgages are the ones with the lowest interest rates, but a good broker does more than that.

"It's not just about rates anymore," said Jessi Johnson, a Vancouver-based mortgage broker. "There are so many additional services a good broker will provide."

Brokers can do annual or semi-annual reviews of their clients' mortgage situation, discuss long-term goals and help with annual credit checks to ensure their credit is still clean.

"They are a debt manager," said Johnson.

"We also regularly look at mortgage rates," he adds. For example, a 10-year-term mortgage that was a good deal at 3.89 per cent two years ago isn't such a good deal today. Johnson helps clients break and renegotiate these loans. "The last client I did it for, I saved them $30,000," he said.

In most cases, the lender is the party that pays the broker fee, not the homebuyer. "So instead of spending money on advertising to attract a homebuyer, the lender will just pay the broker to bring the client to them," he said.

While brokers can do much of the legwork for homebuyers, banks have made it more convenient for homebuyers to shop and compare mortgages as well.

At TD, homebuyers can consult with a mobile mortgage specialist who will come right to their homes to assist them in selecting the mortgage that is right for them, a service that many mortgage brokers provide as well.

"They will meet when and where it is convenient for you and offer you lending expertise and knowledge," said Pat Giles, TD's associate vice president, real estate secured lending.

Ultimately, the decision to use a mortgage broker or go directly to a bank and negotiate yourself depends on the amount of time and research you are willing to invest. But if you do decide to use a mortgage broker, Johnson recommends asking if they are an AMP (accredited mortgage professional), which means the broker has professional training and at least two years' experience in the industry.

Variety of options: Make your payment plan right for you

When deciding on a mortgage, there's myriad of payment options that lenders offer to homebuyers ,and all of them come with pros and cons.

Terms like "accelerated biweekly payments" get tossed about by budget gurus who advocate paying a mortgage down as quickly as possible. And while it's a good idea to get the mortgage monkey off your back sooner rather than later, an aggressive payment schedule doesn't necessarily work for everyone.

"It all depends on your cash flow," said Olayinka Brimoh, a Winnipeg-based mortgage planner with Mortgage Architects. "If you get paid biweekly, it's better to set your payments as biweekly. If you get paid monthly, set your payments to monthly. It's what works best for your budget."

Pat Giles, associate vice president of real estate, secured lending for TD agrees.

"A payment plan is really personal and unique to you — and will in large part depend on your income and how you manage your finances."

For first-time homebuyers, Giles recommends setting a budget and payment plan and then taking it for a "test drive" by setting aside that amount on a payment schedule in a high interest TFSA. "This two-fold approach allows you to see how comfortably you can pay off the mortgage while also helping you save for a larger down payment," he said.

Clinton Wayne, a Toronto-based mortgage agent with Mortgage Edge, advises his clients to play it safe and always opt for a monthly instead of biweekly payment. "It's true you end up with an extra payment at the end of the year when you pay biweekly, but those biweekly payments come up pretty fast if there's a disruption in pay," he said.

According to Wayne, the cost of missing one of those biweekly payments negates the yearly savings of opting for a more accelerated payment plan. Instead, Wayne advises his clients put aside that extra payment in a TFSA and when they have saved a sufficient amount, put it on the mortgage as a lump sum payment.

"The money is better in your pocket than in the pocket of the bank," he said.

"Naturally, we all want to be mortgage free, but we also don't want to be stressed about making the payments," adds Giles. "It's important to ensure you are taking thorough inventory of all of your monthly expenses while also continuing to put money aside for future savings and unexpected expenses."

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While it's a good idea to pay off your mortgage sooner rather than later, an aggressive payment schedule doesn't necessarily work for everyone. SHUTTERSTOCK

PAYMENT

Find ways to chip away at mortgage

Most homeowners dream of the day they can burn those mortgage papers and be free of cumbersome house payments.

The typical mortgage is amortized over 25 years, but that doesn't mean you need to spend two and a half decades paying down your debt. With some careful budgeting and negotiation, there are plenty of ways to chip away at your mortgage faster.

"It's common knowledge that paying down a debt faster is going to save you money over time," said Jeffrey Schwartz, executive director of the Toronto-based Consolidated Credit Counseling Services of Canada. "If you have less money outstanding over a shorter period of time, you're going to be paying less interest."

The first logical way to shorten the life of a mortgage is to start with a larger down payment.

"The larger down payment, the less you'll need to borrow, which saves money in interest payments over the long term," said Pat Giles, associate vice president of real estate secured lending at TD. "With a larger down payment buyers may also qualify to save on mortgage insurance premiums upfront."

Another strategy is to 'round up' your mortgage payments. So if your payments are $1,345 monthly, round them up to an even $1,400.

"Even though you think that might be less than what will make a dent, if you do it over time, this can save you thousands of dollars in interest," said Schwartz.

Most mortgages have options for making annual lump sum payments of up to 15 or 20 per cent of the mortgage, so taking financial windfalls like a bonus or large tax refund and putting it towards these lump sum payments will also shrink your mortgage faster.

There are also options to make mortgage payments on a more frequent schedule, such as biweekly and weekly. These can add another entire month of mortgage payments to your debt over the course of a year.

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Start of season a relief for Brady and Co.

NFL

Super Bowl champ Patriots open campaign vs. Steelers

The New England Patriots' fourth Super Bowl banner will be unveiled at Gillette Stadium on Thursday night.

The fans will have their first chance to shower quarterback Tom Brady with adulation since a federal judge vacated the four-game suspension he was handed in the NFL's botched Deflategate investigation.

Oh, yeah, they'll play an actual football game, too.

Seven months after claiming the franchise's fourth NFL title, the Patriots return to the field for the season opener against the Pittsburgh Steelers in the league's annual kickoff game. Even for a team that's made its reputation on avoiding distractions, the competition will provide a welcome relief from a summer of talk about deflated footballs and the ideal gas law.

"It's time for me to do my job," Brady said this week when he spoke to reporters for the first time since the news conference for his third Super Bowl MVP award.

"Anything that's happened over the last seven months really wasn't my job. This is what my job is, is to go out there and try to be a great leader for our team, to try to go out and execute the plays that are called and execute them at a high level. That's where my focus is."

The victory for Brady and the players' union left Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger with mixed emotions.

"I still have a ton of respect for Tom. I think he is the best in the business. If you want to be the best you have to beat the best," he said. "Yeah, of course one part of you doesn't want him out there because he is the best in the world, but a bigger part of you as a competitor wants him out there because he is the best."

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, the focus of Patriots fans' anger during the Deflategate investigation, will skip the opener.

"He believes that the focus should be on the game on the field and the festivities celebrating the Patriots' Super Bowl championship," league spokesman Brian McCarthy said.

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SUSPENDED

Steelers All-Pro running back Le'Veon Bell and wide receiver Martavis Bryant are among the 26 players who will begin the season on suspension.

Both players violated the league's policy on substance abuse. Bell will miss the first two games, while Bryant has been docked four games.

Tom Brady will begin the regular season on the field after his four-game suspension was overturned last week. MADDIE MEYER/GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Shady 'good enough to go' for Bills in Week 1

Though saying the injury to his left hamstring injury has not entirely healed, running back LeSean McCoy is ready to make his much-anticipated Bills debut in Buffalo's opener against Indianapolis on Sunday.

LeSean McCoy
GETTY IMAGES

"I'm ready to go," McCoy declared following practice Wednesday. "I'm not sure I'll be exactly 100 per cent. But I feel good enough to go out there and compete."

The Bills acquired the NFL's 2013 rushing champion in a trade with Philadelphia during the off-season.

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No timetable for return of Giants' Pierre-Paul

Two-time Pro Bowl defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul is not ready to play for the New York Giants.

Jason Pierre-Paul
GETTY IMAGES

Coach Tom Coughlin announced the decision Wednesday after the team examined the right hand that Pierre-Paul injured in a fireworks accident on the Fourth of July holiday. Coughlin says there is no timetable for his return.

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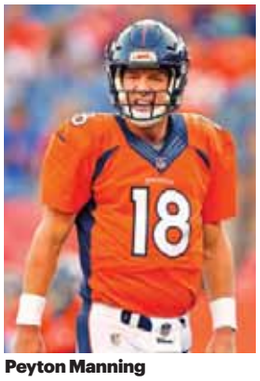
Peyton Manning ready to unveil new offence



Peyton Manning
DOUG PENSINGER/GETTY IMAGES

Peyton Manning's summer was both dazzling and perplexing.

Practices consisted of sprint-outs, roll-outs and bootlegs from under centre, play-action passes from the pistol formation and scrambles for first downs in defiance of his 39-year-old legs.

Pre-season games were filled with empty backfields and shotgun formations that produced a paucity of points and plenty of angst among Broncos fans and fantasy football owners alike.

Which Manning shows up Sunday is the subject of much debate.

"The last three years he's been here, there were (pre-season) games we didn't score points and we'd come out and score 35, 42 points" in the opener, wide receiver Demaryius Thomas said. "So, I don't know if it's by design or not, but it happens."

If Manning is concerned that he didn't find the end zone in August, he didn't show it Wednesday.

"Hey, I'm looking forward to Sunday and looking forward to seeing how we're going to perform," Manning said. "We've got some new guys playing and we've got some new things that we're doing and I'm excited to see how we're going to do. I've said all along the key for us is to improve throughout the season, throughout the course of a game.

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Manning made cameos in the second and third exhibition games and didn't find the end zone in nine full possessions.

"Baltimore's an excellent defence. Are you going to dominate all four quarters? I don't think anybody's ever done that against Baltimore, but hopefully you can win enough plays and be efficient enough to win the football game."

Ravens coach John Harbaugh said one of the biggest challenges he's facing this week as he prepares for the opener was figuring out how Broncos coach Gary Kubiak, his former offensive co-ordinator, was adapting his scheme to fit Manning's skills.

"The teams that play him in Week 3 and 4 and 5 and 6 and down the road will have a better feel for that than we will," Harbaugh said. "I'm sure that they didn't show in the pre-season everything that they're planning on doing." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rookie QBs drafted 1-2 to make history

NFL

Mariota and Winston are first ever pair to clash in opener

Credit the NFL schedule for ensuring that the debuts of rookie quarterbacks Jameis Winston and Marcus Mariota will get plenty of attention.

Winston and Mariota are the sixth pair of quarterbacks drafted 1-2 overall in league history. On Sunday, they will become the first to open their careers against each other when Mariota and the Tennessee Titans visit Winston's Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

So after all the debate and arguments over which Heisman winner should have been drafted first, Winston and Mariota get the chance to prove it on the field, something Jim Plunkett and Archie Manning, Andrew Luck and Robert Griffin III never got as rookies.

It's hard to predict what will happen. Quarterbacks previously drafted No. 1 and 2 went 5-5 in their inaugural NFL starts:

Jameis Winston is rookie QB for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers MIKE EHRMANN/GETTY IMAGES

1971

Jim Plunkett — The top overall pick out of Stanford went 6-8 for New England, and was sacked 36 times. The two-time Super Bowl champ with the Raiders also threw 19 touchdowns and 16 interceptions. Plunkett beat his future Oakland team 20-6 throwing for 127 yards with two TDs and an interception in his opener.

Archie Manning — Now best known as Peyton and Eli's father, Manning started the season opener as a rookie, going 16 of 29 for 218 yards with a TD and an interception as the Saints beat the Rams 24-20. Manning was sacked 40 times as a rookie, going 3-5-2. He had nine interceptions and six touchdowns. He started in New Orleans for a decade and then played in Minnesota and Houston, but was never on a team with a winning record.

1993

Drew Bledsoe — The New England rookie lost his opener 38-14 to Buffalo, going 14 of 30 for 148 yards with two TDs and an interception. Bledsoe had 15 TDs and 15 interceptions as a rookie. Bledsoe started for the Patriots for eight seasons before an injury in 2001 led to Tom Brady taking over the job.

Rick Mirer —Notre Dame quarterback started every game for Seattle — the only season Mirer started 16 games. Mirer went 6-10 with 17 interceptions and 12 touchdowns. Mirer lost his debut 18-12 to San Diego where he was 20 of 27 for 154 yards and an interception.

1998

Peyton Manning —The debate whether to draft Manning or Leaf seems silly now, but Manning's first year in Indianapolis wasn't pretty. He went 3-13 with 28 interceptions and 26 touchdowns. He lost his debut 24-15 at home to Miami, with three interceptions. He is a five-time NFL MVP and has started three Super Bowls, winning one.

Ryan Leaf — Now considered a bust, Leaf won his first two games with San Diego, beating Buffalo 16-14 and winning on the road 13-7 at the then-Houston Oilers. Leaf started his first nine games and was 3-6. He started only 12 more games in a career that lasted just four seasons.

1999

Tim Couch — The Kentucky quarterback lasted only five seasons after Cleveland made him their choice to revive the franchise. Couch made his first start Week 2 when he lost 26-9 at Tennessee going 12 of 24 for 134 yards and a TD. Couch was 2-12 starting 14 of 15 games.

Donovan McNabb —The Syracuse quarterback was 2-4 as a starter but saw only spot duty off the bench before his first start in Week 7. McNabb won 35-28 over Washington, though he did little with his arm (8 of 21 for 60 yards). He later led the Eagles to five NFC title games and one Super Bowl.

Tennessee Titans' Marcus Mariota JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY IMAGES

2012

Andrew Luck —The Stanford quarterback rewarded the Colts' faith by going 11-5 replacing Manning in Indianapolis. But like Manning, Luck lost his opener. He was 23 of 45 for 309 yards with three interceptions in a 41-21 loss to Chicago.

Robert Griffin III — RG3 beat Luck out for the Offensive Rookie of the Year award, and he won Washington's opener 40-32 over New Orleans with a dazzling performance. Griffin was 19 of 26 for 320 yards and two TDs in that game. Now Griffin finds himself benched heading into his fourth season.

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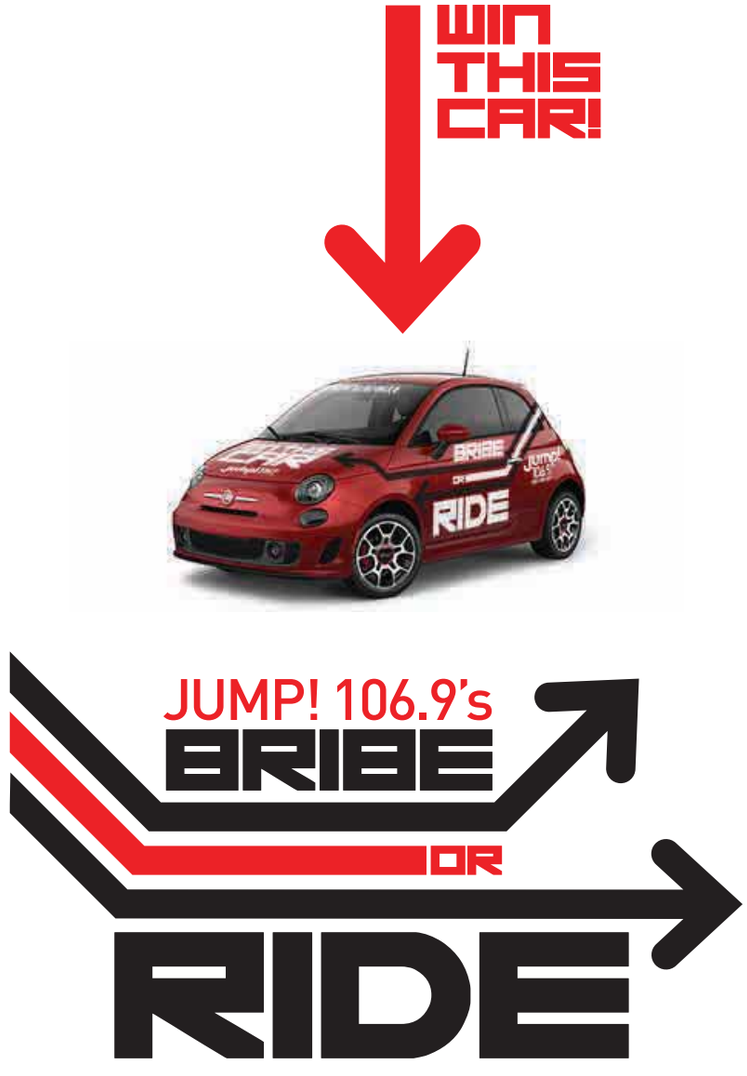
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Bet on NFL fans to raise stakes

Odds are pretty good that, over the course of this football season, Canadians tuning in to North America's most popular spectator sport will pour more money into wagers — both legal and otherwise — than they have ever before

Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

A pint of beer sits in front of Owen Munro. A man behind the bar flips the channel to the beginning of the Seattle Seahawks' final exhibition tilt.

The National Football League — so popular among sports fans, including those in Canada who place wagers legally through provincial lottery corporations or illegally through bookies and offshore websites — is back.

Munro, 22, has been betting on football from the time he became the legal age to do so. He won his first-ever bet — $75 from a $20 wager — and he's been doing it consistently for three NFL seasons ever since.

"It's a lot of fun," Munro tells me. "I wouldn't say an addiction, so much. It's a hobby, I guess."

But for Ryan Boyd and John Makrigiannis, betting on football is more than just a hobby. Their decisions are calculated, their emotional attachment diminished if not completely abandoned.

The duo has gone from merely betting on NFL games to launching their own interactive "fanalytics" website, FootballEngineer.com, which allows subscribers to create player rankings and team projections.

The business of betting on the NFL is big in Canada, even though the league doesn't have a team in this country.

The B.C. Lottery Corporation is predicting that the amount of money legally wagered through the corporation on NFL games this upcoming season will surpass the roughly $13.9 million in legal bets placed over the last season, according to a spokesperson

And, in Ontario, the business is far bigger. A representative of the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation told me that from April 2013 through March 2014, $82.3 million out of about $282 million in legal, OLGC-administered sports betting was wagered on the NFL.

"It's an ongoing soap opera and it culminates every Sunday," says Randall the Handle, one of Canada's best-known sports prognosticators, who has used his pseudonym since the 1980s.

"Football's always been the No. 1 betting sport in North America, but it's grown even more over the last five to 10 years."

Not all bets on the NFL are done legally, however.

The Canadian Gaming Association issued a statement prior to the 2015 Super Bowl, stating it estimated $150 million would be wagered illegally on the big game in Canada, compared to $3 million in legal bets.

Bill Rutsey, CEO of the CGA, points to the fact that single-event betting is against the law in Canada as a key reason why some people opt to throw money down illegally.

In 2011, Joe Comartin, an NDP MP for Ontario's Windsor-Tecumseh riding, introduced Bill C-290, which would do away with the ban on single-event betting.

The bill passed in the House of Commons but has remained in the Senate, virtually untouched since October 2014.

"I think most people, if they have a choice between doing something legally and doing something illegally, I think would usually choose to do something legally," Rutsey says.

"I'm not suggesting that every single dollar is going to come from the underground economy to the legal economy, but I would say a great … proportion of it will."

While betting on the NFL remains popular, fantasy sports pools, particularly in football, have experienced a meteoric rise.

Citing numbers from an Ipsos Public Affairs poll, the Fantasy Sports Trade Association in June reported that there are now more than 56 million people in Canada and the U.S. playing fantasy sports.

The organization touts football as the favourite sport among players, at a 73 per cent participation rate.

Vancouver-based sports marketing guru Tom Mayenknecht said the NFL has been successful in attracting the demographic of sports fans aged 18 to 34, and called the rise of fantasy sports a "social phenomena."

"What has happened," said Mayenknecht, "is sports betting has been a driver in people having interest in more than just their favourite team."

As for the start of the NFL season, the Green Bay Packers are favoured to win the Super Bowl, according to VegasInsider.com.

Meanwhile, back in Vancouver, Munro has decided to put his money on another team to win Super Bowl 50, placing a $10 bet on the Baltimore Ravens, at the 22-1 odds offered by VegasInsider.com.

"They're usually right there with New England and Pittsburgh," Munro says. "So at that odd set … it seemed like a good bet to make."

Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger passes against the Buffalo Bills during a pre-season NFL game on Aug. 29. Gamblers all over North America will be watching closely when the Steelers open their NFL season tonight against the Patriots. GARY WIEPERT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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THE SPREAD

In practice the point spread is simple to understand: if Minnesota is favoured by 7-1/2 over New Orleans, then Vikings supporters must see their team win by eight or more to cash in, while Saints fans are happy if Minnesota wins by seven or less, or if the Saints pull an upset.

The rationale underpinning spreads is a bit more complicated. The essential idea is to account for the relative strength and weakness of teams, so as to produce a matchup in which the two sides are as close as possible to being equally valuable to bettors.

The spread is a cumulative calculation performed by small groups of people for a small group of sports books, explains Randall the Handle, a well-known Canadian sports prognosticator.

"Their objective, of course, is to draw equal activity on both sides of that point spread because they don't want the house to be exposed," he said. "Ideally they want 50-50 on the game and they earn a commission.

Ryan Boyd, left, and John Makrigiannis have started their own website, FootballEngineer.com, as an interactive tool for football fans to create their own NFL player rankings and team projections. CAM TUCKER/METRO

Almost $14 million in legal bets passed through the B.C. Lottery Corporation over the last NFL season. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

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PATRICK KANE

NHL taking a wait-and-see approach

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman says the league will wait for the legal process to play out in the sexual assault investigation involving Patrick Kane before making any decisions about his future.

The Blackhawks star is under investigation by police in Hamburg, N.Y., over an incident that occurred at his house. He has not been charged.

"Obviously when a player is involved in something like Patrick Kane is subject to right now in terms of the authorities investigating, it's unfortunate, it's a terrible thing, but we're going to have to watch the process play out," Bettman said Tuesday in Toronto.

Patrick Kane GETTY IMAGES

According to The Associated Press, the Erie County District Attorney has postponed grand jury proceedings into the allegation against Kane. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Cardinals rally past Cubs

Matt Carpenter tripled and scored twice and Stephen Piscotty doubled in the winning run Wednesday, leading St. Louis past the Chicago Cubs 4-3 to end the Cardinals' three-game losing skid.

The NL Central leaders avoided their first sweep at home this season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. OPEN

Skies open up for Halep in quarters

Simona Halep appreciated the help from the heavens in her U.S. Open quarter-final.

Worn down after dropping the second set to Victoria Azarenka, the second-seeded Romanian got to rest up for nearly an hour-and-a-half when the sky opened up.

"Thanks, God, for raining," she said in an on-court interview after her 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 victory Wednesday.

Halep, who's just five-foot-six, came back on court with a 106 m.p.h. ace to prove just how fresh she felt. She advanced to face 26th-seeded Flavia Pennetta, who beat two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova in another three-set match earlier Wednesday.

Simona Halep GETTY IMAGES

The 23-year-old Romanian Halep had 40 winners to 19 unforced errors, while Azarenka had 38 winners to 42 unforced errors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drogba's Impact difficult to measure

MLS

Montrealers believers thanks to Ivorian

After training this week, Didier Drogba took Montreal Impact rookie strikers Romario Williams and Anthony Jackson aside for some extra shooting practice.

On Wednesday, more players joined in, looking to catch a bit of scoring magic from the former Chelsea star who has become a giant presence since signing with the Major League Soccer club on July 27.

"He gave us some advice and tips on where to shoot and how to shoot the ball," said midfielder Maxim Tissot. "It's Drogba. You listen to him."

At 37, Drogba's days as a Premier League superstar may be behind him, but his combination of size, skill, scoring touch and attitude has helped boost morale, energy and ambitions on an Impact side that looked to be fading in August.

While their first priority remains to clinch a playoff spot, the Impact are starting to believe that with Drogba they can reach much higher.

A sore toe delayed Drogba's first start to Saturday night, when he scored a hat-trick — one goal with the left foot, one with the right and the other on a header — in a 4-3 comeback win over the Chicago Fire that had the sellout crowd at Saputo Stadium roaring.

Didier Drogba turns away from the Chicago Fire's Eric Gehrig to score during Saturday's game in Montreal. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The performance earned him MLS player of the week honours.

"It's like a storybook start," said Mauro Biello, the former Impact captain who was in his first game as head coach since replacing the fired Frank Klopas. "For him to come in and contribute like that right away was great.

> **He's an example to follow. We all look up to him.**
> Montreal's Maxim Tissot

"That was encouraging for the group. Hopefully he continues to transmit the leadership and positive energy he's brought. It's not only his play on the field but everything else that comes with it that brings the biggest effect."

The win put the Impact (9-11-4) into the sixth and final Eastern Conference playoff spot, but with games in hand on all their rivals.

The next test comes Saturday at Los Angeles before a Sept. 16 road matchup against San Jose. Top central defender Laurent Ciman will miss both games with a suspension.

It is only when Ciman returns Sept. 19 against New England that Montreal may have its ideal starting 11 for the first time.

Midfielder Ignacio Piatti is confident.

"I think if we're all together, we should win the MLS," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RECIPE Shrimp Couscous Salad with Chickpeas and Orange Dressing

EAT LIGHT AT HOME

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Ready in
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 5 minutes

Ingredients
- 1 cup chicken or fish stock
- 1 cup couscous
- 4 oz cooked, peeled shrimp, chopped
- 1/2 cup drained canned mandarin oranges
- 1/2 cup canned chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1/3 cup chopped green onions
- 1/4 cup raisins or dried cranberries

Dressing
- 2 Tbsp thawed orange juice concentrate
- 2 Tbsp lower fat plain yogurt or sour cream
- 2 tsp olive oil
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro

Directions
1. In a small saucepan, bring stock to a boil. Remove from heat. Stir in couscous; cover and let stand for five minutes. Fluff with a fork. Transfer to a large bowl, and cool.
2. Stir shrimp, mandarin oranges, chickpeas, green onions, and raisins into couscous.
3. To make dressing: In a small bowl, whisk together orange juice concentrate, yogurt, olive oil, and garlic. Pour over couscous mixture; toss to coat. Garnish with cilantro.

Nutrition per serving (recipe serves 6)
- Calories 208
- Protein 10 g
- Carbohydrates 36 g
- Fibre 2.7 g
- Total fat 2.7 g
- Saturated fat 0.4 g
- Cholesterol 37 mg
- Sodium 229 mg

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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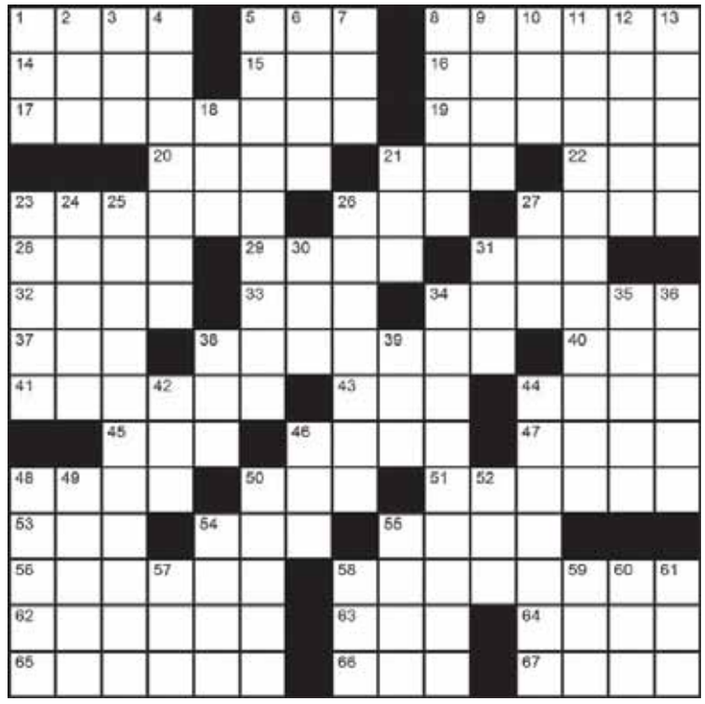

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1. Gateway
5. Slick
8. "Superman" (1978) star Christopher, and surnamesakes
14. Harp, in Italy
15. Actor's hint
16. Mr. Grenier of "Entourage"
17. Finalist in the current Lay's 'Do us a Flavour!' chips contest: Cowboy ____ (The other three finalists are at #56-Across, #5-Down and #11-Down!)
19. The Marriage of __, by Mozart, 1786
20. Mr. Lugosi
21. __ & __ (Telecommunications company)
22. Novel
23. Like many a climb's direction
26. '__' __ for Labrador
27. Water's whirl-ee
28. Plane reservation
29. Above
31. Baby guitar
32. Mr. Solo of "Star Wars" (1977), and others
33. "K-__" (2001) starring Kevin Spacey
34. Ready-made, as some houses
37. Yore
38. "The __ Brief" (1993) starring Julia Roberts and Denzel Washington
40. Function
41. Select an audio function
43. Hot beverage holder
44. Gremlins
45. "Rob __" (1995)
46. Style
47. Encounter
48. Eve's guy
50. Sweetie
51. Matures, as a mango
53. CFL official
54. Daze
55. Willing's partner
56. As per #17-Across... __ Chicken
58. When family sits at the dining room table
62. "__ Eleven" (2001)
63. Grampus
64. Russian river
65. Made over
66. Bowl-shaped frying pan
67. Search

DOWN
1. Smidgen
2. Globe
3. Alphabetic trio
4. Hippity-hoppers
5. As per #17-Across... P.E.I. __ Potatoes
6. Roman moon goddess
7. Oui's meaning
8. Castaway getaway-ers
9. Revise
10. Energy unit
11. As per #17-Across... __ de Montreal (Montreal Smoked Meat)
12. Dog-__
13. Mr. Owl the Canadian bird
18. Snake-looking splasher
21. Televise
23. One-named male vocalist
24. The Power of Positive Thinking author, Norman Vincent __ (b.1898 - d. 1993)
25. Like many hobbyist projects
26. Vocabulary
27. Just manage, __ out
30. Mr. Kilmer
31. Pot
34. "__ Writer" by The Beatles
35. Tree beavers like
36. Trumps
38. Jimmy
39. Cow's wad
42. "Papa-__-Mow-Mow" by The Rivingtons
44. Momentum
46. Be a ham for the cameras
48. Ann __, Michigan
49. Tie score in tennis
50. Western movie animal
52. Unwell
54. "Twin Peaks" actress Sherilyn
55. 'Air'-meaning prefix
57. Universal principle
58. Maintain the lawn
59. Dublin's country [abbr.]
60. Daisy __ (Li'l Abner character)
61. Deer family member

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You will be required to put other people's desires ahead of your own. In fact, working with others will be a great deal of fun, both for them and for you.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Cosmic activity in your fellow Earth sign of Virgo will make it easy for you to take the risks you dream about but rarely have the nerve to try. Be your own boss and reap the rewards.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
It will pay to go along with what other people want to do today. The more you bow to their wishes now the more likely they will be to support you later on when you want to do your own thing.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You will be inspired to visit new places and try out new things. You may not be the most adventurous of the zodiac but every now and again you go right the other way and make up for it big time. Such a time is now.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
A money-making opportunity will come your way over the next few days but you must act quickly. You can and you must be more adventurous.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Decisions you make on the spur of the moment will work out well but make sure you know your limits. Don't make promises you can't keep. Think of your reputation.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You need to confront and then deal with those nagging doubts and secret fears that have been holding you back. The more anxious you are the harder it is to think clearly.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Any sudden and unexpected changes that take place around the time of Sunday's eclipse are sure to work in your favour. If you want to make a lifestyle change don't hang around and wait for approval.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You need to make more of the skills and talents you were born with. You must be more of a go-getter and self-starter between now and the end of the year. Use your imagination.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You must be free to make your own decisions and to come and go as you please. Anyone who tries to limit you i must be told in no uncertain terms to mind their own business — or else!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Face up to what you fear the most. Trying to ignore what scares you won't work, so look it in the eye and refuse to be intimidated. Soon you will realize just how powerless it is.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Try not to take it personally if someone you care for acts coldly towards you. They have some serious issues to deal with, so give them time, give them space, and they will be back to their old selves very soon.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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